

Regarding Proceeding 02-306, SBC's § 271 Application for California

I would like to provide the following comments with regard to the above proceeding.

I am in support of SBC providing long distance service in California for the following reasons:

1. SBC Long Distance has worked closely with SBC Pacific Bell and the CPUC for over 4 years to gain approval to provide long distance service to Californians. This process, while long and tedious, has demonstrated SBC's commitment to providing quality telecommunication services to the consumers of California.
2. With SBC Long Distance's entry into the California long distance market, California consumers will benefit from the competition with better rates for the appropriate service. Upon the CPUC's approval of SBC Long Distance's application, we have already seen the market response with a variety of telephone service offerings.
3. SBC Pacific Bell has a legacy in California to provide telecommunication services to all California's. With added SBC Long Distance service, this commitment is everlasting.
4. Increased competition provides a healthy telecommunications market in California and is good for all Californians-small businesses as well as consusmer.

With regard and respect,

Paul Fong,  
Trustee, Foothill-De Anza Community College District